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La Jolla Library Restores Hours of Operation

SAN DIEGO – City Councilmember Scott Peters announced that the operating hours of the La Jolla/Riford Branch Library have been restored to 52 hours per week. Because of budget reductions, the library's weekly operating hours have been reduced to 45 hours per week as of July 18, 2005.

The hours were restored using funds from a \$3.5 million estate gift left to the La Jolla/Riford Branch by longtime La Jolla resident Jane Cameron, whose generosity will serve the community for generations to come.

"Jane Cameron's generosity serves as an inspiration to the entire City of San Diego. Cameron has left a legacy that ensures accessibility to La Jolla's library for us all," said Councilman Peters.

Cameron's bequest, which was announced earlier this year, is the largest estate gift in the San Diego Public Library's history and one of the largest ever made to the City of San Diego. Cameron stipulated that the money was to be used for the expansion and improvement of the La Jolla branch, as well as the maintenance and expansion of its collection.

The La Jolla Riford Branch Library reopened in March 2004 after a \$4.7 million renovation and expansion funded by other generous donors, including Joan and Irwin Jacobs, the Kenneth and Harle Montgomery Foundation and the Friends of the La Jolla Library.

The expanded La Jolla Branch is part of a \$312.3 million program approved by the Mayor and Council in 2002 to bolster the library system for the 21st century. The program calls for building 13 new libraries and expanding 11 existing branches over the next 10 years.

The Library's Carnegie Society was created to inspire patrons to provide a legacy of access to information and technology for our youth and future generations. Anyone interested in more information about the Carnegie Society and estate planning may contact the Library's Development Team at 619-238-6615 or supportmylibrary@sandiego.gov

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